'60 Minutes' Marks 25th Anniversary

60 MINUTES . . . 25 YEARS Sunday at 7 on CBS

The venerable news magazine marks its silver anniversary with a two-hour show hosted by Charles Kuralt and offering profiles of its principal reporters (Mike Wallace, Morley Safer, Ed Bradley, Steve Krofft and Lesley Stahl) and executive producer Don Hewitt. There are also follow-ups on the subjects of "60 Minutes" stories, and celebrities who return to talk.

Wallace, Hewitt and Harry Reasoner and began the series Sept. 24, 1968. Andy Rooney's "Few Minutes" debuted in 1978.

It took the series eight years to break into the Nielsen Top 20 and one more year to make it into the Top 10, but there it stayed, finishing the 1992-1993 season in the Top 10 for the 16th consecutive time. "60 Minutes" completed its 25th season by finishing first among all programs for the second consecutive year. This was the fourth time the series has ranked No. 1, making it the only program to rank at the top in three decades (1991-92, '82-83 and '79-80). Last season, about 31.4 million viewers tuned in each week to give the series an average 21.9 rating and 36 share.

A MOTHER'S REVENGE

Sunday at 9 on ABC Based on a novel by trial attorney Richard Speight, this movie portrays the ordeal of the Sanderses when they discover that 12-year-old Wendy has been savagely beaten and raped. Carol Sanders (Lesley Ann Warren) is consumed by rage, grief and guilt, and fears that the attacker may return to harm her daughter again. In court, Carol is aghast as the charges are dismissed. Confronted by the man who hurt her child, she shoots him and is arrested for attempted

murder. Bruce Davison plays Bill Sanders;

Annette O'Toole plays attorney Ellen Wells.

MUNICITARS

70S CELEBRATION Tuesday at 8 on NBC The music and pop culture of the '70s returns in a two-hour special with the Bee Gees, Donna Summer, Meat Loaf, "Brady Bunch" cast members, Jimmie Walker, Martin Mull and others.

DIAGNOSIS MURDER Friday at 8 on CBS Dick Van Dyke plays five roles in this week's story, including the victim, the three leading suspects and his regular character, physician-sleuth Mark Sloan. The tale revolves around the murder of 92-year-old millionaire Jonathan Nash, who may have been killed by one of his children (Jerome, J. Edison and Judith) to keep him from willing his fortune to Sloan's hospital.

BILL MOYERS' JOURNAL

Friday at 9 on WETA, 10 on MPT Colorado's Amendment 2, passed by a majority of that state's voters, denies gays and lesbians the right to claim discrimination at the local level in jobs, housing and public accommodations. This week, Bill Movers reports from Colorado Springs, home of a "holy war" between conservative Christian values and gay rights. More than a dozen states have similar amendments pending.

KENNEDY-RELATED PROGRAMS: THE KENNEDYS, Part II Monday at 9 on Left, the "60 Minutes" logo; below, Morley Safer, Dan Rather, Harry Reasoner and Mike Wallace, the '70s crew.



WETA; FRONTLINE Tuesday at 9 on PBS "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?"; THE KENNEDY YEARS—IN WORDS AND MUSIC Wednesday at 8:30 on WETA, 10:30 on MPT; JFK IN HIS OWN WORDS Wednesday at 9 on WETA: WHO KILLED JFK? THE FINAL CHAPTER Friday at 9 on CBS.

GUESTS AND CAST CHANGES:

Fred Berry on "Martin" Sunday. Charles Mann on "Ghostwriter" Monday. Raquel Welch on "Evening Shade" Monday. Graham Green returns to "Northern Exposure" Monday.

Sarah Chalke begins as daughter Becky on "Roseanne" (Tuesday), a role previously played by Lecy Goranson. Glenn Quinn plays Becky's husband, Mark.

Robin Williams on "Now" Wednesday. Cyndi Lauper on "Mad About You" Thursday.

Valerie Mahaffey (Eve on "Northern Exposure") on "Wings" Thursday. Jay Leno calling "Frasier" Thursday. Maureen McCormick on "Herman's Head" Thursday.

Barbra Streisand on "20/20" Friday. Edward Albert and Georgann Johnson on "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" Saturday. Estelle Getty and Dinah Manoff on "Nurses" Saturday.

Diane Ladd on "Sisters" Saturday.

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